

9-Apr-97

Subject: ACMS Task Force Status Report

TO: Members of the Task Force (EDMS FCG principles and alternates, and other Task Force Kickoff Meeting attendees)

1. The Task Force met on 11 - 13 March 97, at CBDCOM. A draft copy of the minutes from that meeting are attached as *minutes.pdf*. Please review and provide comments by 18 Apr 97. Note the revised ACMS vision statement.
2. On 14 March 97, Mr. McCarthy, Director of AMSAA, at his request, was briefed about the meeting. The charts used and a summary of the meeting are attached as *status.ppt* and *14mar97.doc*. At this meeting we were requested to provide two or more charts that would explain the differences and the relationships among configuration management, the tech loop process, and Product Data Management systems. The charts provided AMSAA are attached as *amsaa4.ppt*.
3. On 21 March 97, MG Beauchamp was briefed on several engineering data management subjects including the status of the ACMS Task Force. The charts used to brief the status of the ACMS Task Force are attached as *Beauchmp.ppt*. The following issues and requests affecting the ACMS Task Force were made during the presentations:
 - MG Beauchamp requested that contingency plans addressing what the Army does next if the CMStat testing is successful and what the Army does if CMStat fails be available by the conclusion of the CMStat testing on 14 June 97.
 - MG Beauchamp stated his desire to have an economic evaluation made that would determine the optimum configuration of Army EDM systems (including repositories and configuration management). The exact scope of the evaluation is to be determined.
 - MG Beauchamp expressed his concern about the cost of the ACMS Task Force (see paragraph 4, below).
 - MG Beauchamp expressed concern that the Task Force did not mandate that a single standard CM system be used within the Army.
 - MG Beauchamp agreed that automation of the tech loop process was an issue that should be addressed and that AMCRDA Acquisition should take the lead in determining how this should be addressed.
 - The need to provide funding for implementing and supporting EDM systems was raised. Maria Turner, AMCRDA Acquisition, is addressing this issue within the headquarters. Willie Campbell, LAISO, working with Paul Behrens, PM EDMS, is preparing an FY 98 budget request implementing ACMS.
4. MG Beauchamp asked that four questions concerning the dollars for the ACMS task Force be answered. The answers were provided to MG Beauchamp on 27 March 97 and are attached as *Bea_ques.doc*. We are still waiting to hear whether MG Beauchamp has approved the changes.
5. Based on the revised Task Force Plan of Action, the attached draft scope of work (*sow.pdf*) has been prepared. It has been reviewed by the COR of a potential task order contract and found to fit within the overall contract scope. Please review and provide comments by 15 Apr 97.
6. At the ACMS Task Force Meeting, I agreed to update and distribute a revised EDMS FCG roster. It is attached as *roster.pdf*. I also said that I would re-issue the instructions for using the e-mail reflector. They are attached as *fcg_inst.doc*. Please note that on 11 Apr 97, IEA will be changing its web machines. We will be adding a new Windows NT server which will have the same IP address as our old machine. It will be used for web pages and ftp services. The old machine will be retained for providing the e-mail reflector, but its address will change. I have moved the FCG web pages to our new server. See the instructions for more details.

7. I received this note from Mike concerning a PDM conference.

Just received in the mail an ad for a PDM Conference later this month. The organizer is a consulting firm called CIMdata. Their web site is www.CIMdata.com. The tutorials include Vendor selection and Evaluation, PDM and STEP, PDM Supporting Configuration Management, PDM Implementation Guidelines, PDM and the WEB, and etc. The timing is good if your looking for an opportunity to educate the steering committee. - Mike Cantrell

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